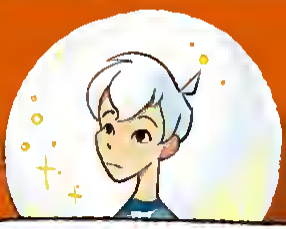
Thousands of times I've asked The Nothing why it took my family that night, but I've never heard a word in reply.

I suppose, in a way, The Nothing took me that night too.

Apparently, twinkling only happens when you look at the stars through the atmosphere of a planet.

Out here there's no atmosphere... there's only The Nothing.



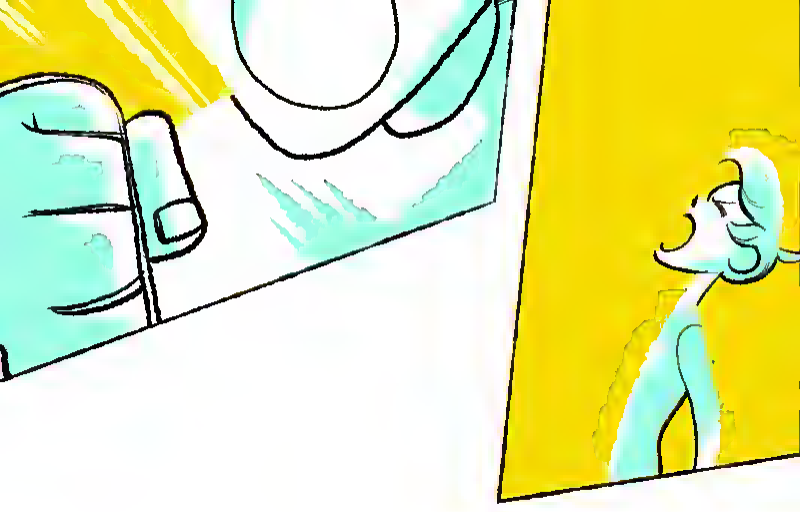
I have felt Nothing since then, and sometimes I convince myself I am Nothing.

...coasting
towards my
destination...

But then the rockets turn on to make a course correction, and I am reminded I have ears that can hear.

I shout back at the loud rockets to remind myself I have lungs--

--I have a voice.



Eventually
the rockets go
silent and I am alone
with The Nothing
once more...

...frictionless,
in the void.

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In space,
the stars don't
twinkle.

The Nothing is ever-present and always silent.